Appl. No. 10/500,684

Amdt. dated Dec. 23, 2005

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Replacement Sheet includes Figures to replace, in their entirety, Fig. 1 and

Fig. 2. This Replacement Sheet, which includes Fig. 1-2, replaces the original sheet

including Fig. 1-2. The Fig. 1-2 of the Replacement Sheet is Fig. 1-2 of PCT

International Application no. PCT/IB/05633, of which the present application is the U.S.

national stage filing.

Sheet 2, which includes Fig. 3-5, is hereby canceled in its entirety.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 remain in this application. The claims currently in the application, added by Applicant's Amendment on September 26, 2005, have not been considered by the Examiner.

In the Final Office action mailed October 19, 2005, the Examiner advised that Applicant's amendments filed on September 26, 2005 have been received and entered in the file, but that the amended claims and abstract have not been considered because they are believed to introduce new matter. Likewise, in the Final Office action the Examiner required correction of the oath or declaration filed by Applicant because the title, application number and filing date on the oath or declaration were believed to be incorrect. The specification was objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) as introducing new matter (the amended Abstract) into the disclosure of the invention, and cancellation of the new matter was required. The Abstract was further objected to because it was not a single paragraph. The drawings were objected to in view of various informalities. In the Final Office action, Claims 1-8 stood rejected for the reasons set forth in the Office action mailed June 29, 2005.

In response, Applicant submits herewith a Substitute Specification and amended drawings.

Applicant respectfully submits that the correct specification and drawings for the present application are those of International Application no. PCT/IB02/05633, filed December 19, 2002. The Substitute Specification and amended drawings submitted

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herewith, are the specification and drawings of PCT/IB02/05633. Entry of these documents in the file as the specification and drawings for this application will incorporate documents which have already been identified by Applicant and the USPTO as the basis for this application. Accordingly, no new matter is added thereby to this application.

Applicant notes that a review of the documents for the present application in the Patent Application Information and Retrieval ("PAIR") database indicates that:

- 1. The PAIR database includes a copy of Applicant's Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) which is stamped "DT03 Rec'd PCT/PTO 02 JUL 2004" and also stamped with the number of the present application no. "10/500,684." The Transmittal Letter states that the transmittal is of International Application No. PCT/IB02/05633 and further states in 5.b that a copy of the International Application had been transmitted by the International Bureau.
- 2. The "Image File Wrapper for Application No.:10/500,684" in PAIR contains a Notice of DO/EO Acceptance Mailed with a Mail Room Date of September 30, 2004. The Notice of Acceptance states that U.S. serial number 10/500,684 was assigned to the US. national stage filing of International Application no. PCT/IB02/05633.
- 3. The documents entered into the file of this application with a mail room date of July 2, 2004, as the specification, claims, abstract and drawings for

this application are for International Application no. PCT/IB02/03633, not

International Application no. PCT/IB02/05633.

Applicant respectfully submits that the specification and drawings for

PCT/IB02/05633, resubmitted herewith as the Substitute Specification and amended

drawings are, in fact, the correct specification and drawings for this application and that

no new matter was added by Applicant's Amendment filed September 6, 2005.

Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot

in view of the presented remarks. Applicant, however, reserves the right to respond to

those rejections and arguments and to advance additional arguments at a later date. No

arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for

consideration by the Examiner and allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly

solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the

undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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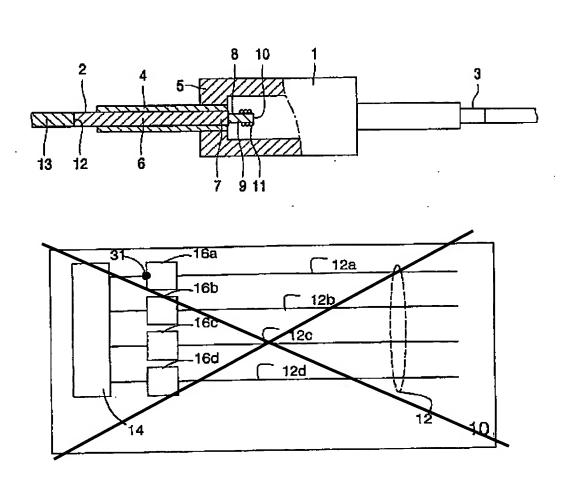
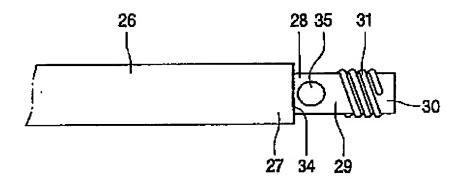


FIG. 1

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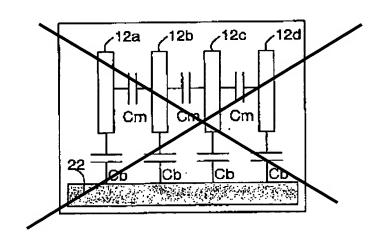


FIG. 2